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SUBJECT: CSCE: CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES ON FURTHER STEPS  
IN BASKET III

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO CONSULTATIONS IN NAC, WE USED NATO DELEGATION HEADS CAUCUS SEPT. 18 TO PRESS AGAIN FOR DRAFTING OF MORE REALISTIC WESTERN TEXTS FOR PRESENTATION IN BASKET III (FULL DETAILS BY SEPTEL). EC-9 REPORTED THAT THEIR MINISTERS HAVE NOW DIRECTED THEM TO INSIST ON A FIRST READING ON ALL BASKET III AGENDA POINTS AND TO TABLE THEIR STREAMLINED TEXTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR EFFORTS, HOWEVER, ALLIES AGREED THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON MORE REALISTIC TEXTS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA BASKET III CAUCUS, IN PARALLEL WITH FIRST READING OF TEXTS ALREADY TABLED IN CSCE. WHETHER ALLIES WILL MOVE AS FAST AND AS FAR AS WE WOULD WISH REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

2. ALLIES ALSO INDICATED THEY WERE PREPARED TO MOVE TO MORE REALISTIC POSITIONS QUICKLY DURING FIRST READING, WITH HOPE OF SETTING MANY POINTS AT THAT TIME. EC-9 ALSO PROMISED TO PROVIDE US SHORTLY WITH DETAILED  
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COMMENTS ON THE FOUR US TEXTS WE PRESENTED LAST JULY.

3. AT SAME TIME, SOVIETS ARE BECOMING MORE RIGID IN THEIR BASKET III TACTICS. ALLIES RETURNED TO GENEVA WITH NEW FLEXIBILITY AND PLANS TO SPEED UP WORK, AND SOVIET STONEWALLING HAS IRRITATED THEM. HOWEVER, SOVIETS BEGAN BY REPUDIATING EARLIER INFORMAL COMPROMISES, REACHED PRIOR TO SUMMER RECESS, THAT GAVE HOPE FOR PROMPT COMPLETION OF "FAMILY REUNIFICATION" AND "ACCESS TO PRINTED INFORMATION" TEXTS FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF TALKS. IN ADDITION, THEY ARE REFUSING TO ACCEPT EVEN BRACKETED LANGUAGE OR OTHER PROCEDURAL DEVICES IN PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED TEXTS AS MEANS REFLECTING THE EXISTENCE OF WESTERN PROPOSALS. IF THEY PERSIST, THEY WILL EFFECTIVELY BLOCK FIRST READING OF REMAINING BASKET III MATERIAL AND BRING TALKS TO A DEADLOCK. SOVIETS HAVE UNDERLINED THEIR ATTITUDE THROUGH THE ABSENCE OF THEIR KEY NEGOTIATOR (DUBININ) FROM ALL BASKET III MEETINGS TO DATE. THESE SOVIET TACTICS WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO PERSUADE ALLIES TO MOVE AHEAD WITH EXERCISE OF GETTING AGREEMENT ON MORE REALISTIC BASKET III TEXTS.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TELL SOVIETS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL THAT WE ARE MAKING EFFORT TO BRING OUR ALLIES TO MORE REALISTIC POSITIONS ON BASKET III ISSUES, BUT THAT WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED UNLESS SOVIETS DEMONSTRATE MORE PROCEDURAL FLEXIBILITY IN BASKET III DISCUSSIONS. SPECIFICALLY, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY CANNOT ACCEPT USE OF BRACKETS OR OTHER PROCEDURAL DEVICES TO INDICATE THEIR OPPOSITION TO SPECIFIC WESTERN LANGUAGES AND ALLOW CONFERENCE TO COMPLETE A FIRST READING OF BASKET III. UNLESS SOVIETS CHANGE TACTICS, LIKELY RESULT WILL BE DEADLOCK IN GENEVA AND FRUSTRATION OF OUR EFFORTS WITH ALLIES ON BASKET III.

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